

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 549

By Hargett

A RESOLUTION To congratulate Joseph C. and Patricia A. Viau Orsak on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, This General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, On May 30, 1951, Joseph (Joe) Orsak and Patricia A. (Patty) Viau were joined in holy matrimony in Corpus Christi, Texas; on a three-day pass from the Army, Joe Orsak had traveled all night to arrive at the church and since that fateful day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Orsak have been highly respected citizens of the Bartlett community for over 20 years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orsak served with acumen and alacrity as a Civil Engineer with Firestone Tire & Rubber Company for more than 25 years, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work and his dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, He then started his own company, "Orsak Project & Construction Management"; two of his major projects included the Firestone Research & Development Center in Rome, Italy, and the IRS Facility in Memphis, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Having traveled the country as a child, Mrs. Orsak hoped to settle in South Texas with her new husband; and

WHEREAS, Instead, Mr. Orsak's work moved the family to cities in New York, Ohio, Illinois, North Carolina, and Tennessee, as well as Woodstock and London, Ontario; Rome, Italy; Sidney, Australia; and Hamilton, Ontario; and

WHEREAS, This fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced six children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the Orsak's children are Joe, Jr. of Syracuse, New York; David of Memphis, Tennessee; Darlene Myers of Corpus Christi, Texas; Karen Coulter of Boca Raton, Florida; Jim of Charlotte, North Carolina; and Patricia Posey of Bartlett, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, The Orsaks are also the proud grandparents of nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Active members of St. Ann Catholic Church in Bartlett, the Orsaks are presently enjoying retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orsak is a 4th Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus and has been instrumental in organizing the volunteers for concessions at the Millington Charity Air Shows; and

WHEREAS, For 50 years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, Marriages such as the Orsaks' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Orsak on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.